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NOVEMBER 23RD

On November 23rd, 1765 — one hundred and ninety-two years ago — the court of Frederick County, Maryland, ordered that its business should be carried on without the use of the stamped paper required by the famous Stamp Act.

This day has become an annual observance in Frederick County and each year the Daughters of the American Revolution meet in the Court House on or about November 23rd to again hear the decision read by the Clerk of Court.

Parliament passed the Stamp Act and it was approved by the King on March 22nd, 1765. It was to become effective November 1st. After that date widespread protest resulted and the Act was printed in New York with a deathshead at the top instead of the Royal Arms.

The tax was highly objectionable because it was high and because it affected so many items.

For example, the Act levied a tax of from threepence to ten shillings on legal papers, college diplomas two pounds, Charters issued by the Governors six pounds, and licenses to sell wine four pounds. Many other things were taxed, such as deeds, playing-cards, dice, etc. Printed papers of a single sheet had to pay a tax of one penny per sheet for every copy and even more for papers of more than one sheet. In addition, every advertiser in a newspaper had to pay a tax.

The Virginia General Assembly, after a fiery speech from Patrick Henry, adopted a resolution declaring that the General Assembly of Virginia had the sole right and power to levy taxes. Finally, the Act was repealed in March of 1766. Nevertheless, it had stirred the spirit of revolt and in July of the year 1776 — ten years later — the Declaration of Independence was adopted as the culmination of this spirit of opposition and revolt.

In looking back over this part of American history, one wonders when citizens will put a halt to ever-increasing Federal taxation. Federal income taxes, first imposed just prior to World War I on the promise that they would never exceed one or two per cent, have now reached the point where they take more than one-half the income of many, amount to about an average of $500.00 on a new automobile, and place the responsibility for figuring out complicated forms squarely upon the individual citizens.

Our history shows, then, that the spirit of tax resistance sometimes runs dangerously strong. If our tax rates continue to increase (and it does not seem likely that they will go down in 1958) serious opposition may well occur.

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A BUSINESS CLUE

President Dwight Eisenhower is reported to be preparing to recommend pay increases costing more than one billion dollars a year for military personnel and Civil Service employees. This, and other factors appearing on the horizon, points to a new wave of inflation.

Although business is currently experiencing a slight recession, and all prospects are that it will not end for some six months, the fact that President Eisenhower will probably propose a budget calling for the expenditure of several billion dollars more than was asked in the budget for fiscal 1958, is a hint of things to come.

With defense expenditures expected to be boosted by the second session of the 85th Congress, with the President expected to recommend increases for both military personnel and Civil Service employees, it is obvious that Government spending is going to increase. If some sort of program can be worked out in the next session of Congress which will provide prosperity for farmers, especially for small farmers, then another wave of inflation is sure to begin in the second half of 1958 or the beginning of 1959.

As has been the case in so many past business recessions, defense spending and increased pay for Government employees has often taken up the slack and provided the foundation for a new inflationary spiral. Perhaps the most important factor in appraising the probability of another inflationary trend, is the question of an adequate farm program. The Soil Bank program, while perhaps helping to hold down surpluses and preventing some farmers from starving, has not been a boost to the national economy.

Because farm profits have dwindled considerably, purchasing power in small towns, and in the rural areas, has suffered and business has suffered generally as a result. Only heavy defense spending in recent years has prevented a more serious business recession. If a return of prosperity to our farms is coupled with increased defense spending and a raise in pay for the Armed Service, and Civil Service employees, the end of the recession, and inflation, is almost sure to follow.

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COLD AND STORMY WEATHER

The official forecast is for cold and stormy weather for the next thirty days — or until about one-third of December is over.

We are not expert weather forecasters but that is the word from Washington and it will be interesting to see if we get the cold and stormy weather we are supposed to get. In addition to the cold and storms, most of us are to get more than the normal amount of rainfall and some snow.

Here is the way the weather is supposed to be, according to the forecasters, in the next twenty-five or thirty days: Those living in the northern latitudes, except for New England and along the California and Oregon coasts, the temperature is expected to be about normal. For those in New England and in California and the western parts of Oregon, the temperature is expected to be above normal. For the rest of the country, the temperature is expected to be below normal. It will be below normal from eastern Arizona, Utah and Colorado, all the way eastward on a line moving southeast until it reaches Virginia. The line passes through Illinois, including more than half of Illinois in the below-normal area. Rainfall is predicted to be above normal in the middle part of the United States, except for Minnesota, most of North Dakota and the northeastern part of South Dakota, and so on. Precipitation will be above normal in the New England States and as far South as the top of Virginia, extending westward to include all of Pennsylvania. In two areas, precipitation is expected to be below normal and that is in the extreme southeast, taking in Southern Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and a small part of southeastern South Carolina.

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Human nature is often hard to understand, but those who know most about it do not try coercion.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 16.
Devotional Reading: II Corinthians 9:6-15.

Giving?

Lesson for November 24, 1957

PREACHERS talk too much about money, some people complain. It is very seldom that this complaint has good reason behind it. If you don't like a religion that talks about money a good deal, you'd better hunt up some other religion besides Christianity. Read the parables of Jesus and see for yourself what a large number of them have to do with money.

Dr. Foreman

The Christian religion is a religion of love. Now love always involves giving. Selfish, tight-fisted "love" is a contradiction. Everybody would agree to that. The arguments or the misunderstandings begin at this point: **What is giving?**

Substitutes for Giving

There is really no substitute for giving, but people do try to run substitutes under that name. When time comes for a missionary offering, in almost any church you can hear some one sourly speaking: "Why should we give to people who never give to us? Why must it all go one way?" As a matter of fact, missionary gifts don't all go one way; but let that pass. The objection just quoted shows that the objector doesn't want to give, all he wants is exchange. But exchange is not giving. Here we are nearly at Christmas time, and all around us are people who talk about Christmas "gifts" when what they really mean is a Christmas exchange.

Another substitute something like this is investment. People talk about dividends from the mission field, they like to feel that by upping their contribution ten dollars they will get a dividend in the shape of one more soul saved. But the work, the true work of the Christian church, is not like that of a business. A railway can cut off a train that is not making money; but a church has no right to cut down a missionary's salary because he can't show as many conversions as the next missionary down the river. An old cripple who can never be cured, is just as worthy an object of Christian giving as a crippled child who can be cured.

Prying It Loose

Parting with your money isn't giving it. If you are being held up and are relieved of your wallet, you don't take credit for being generous with bandits. If you sit down and write the government a large check about the middle of next April, nobody can be fooled into thinking you are giving the United States anything; you are merely paying your tax. And maybe you wouldn't even do that if you didn't know it was a case of pay —or else . . . And yet people in the church will take credit for being generous when they are only parting with money they'd much rather not part with. This is not to say that the church ever robs any one. But sometimes a church will assess its members so much a member. It will be known who pays and who doesn't, so the man pays; but he's really being held up, he is paying only because he can't help it. What has to be pried out of a man is never a gift!

True Giving

"Let all that you do be done in love," Paul said. This holds for giving as for anything else. In I Corinthians 13 Paul had already said that if a man actually gave away every single thing he owned, even if he presented his own body as a sacrifice to be burned on a great altar, but did this without love, it would amount to nothing at all. The love of which Paul speaks is not a natural thing, that is to say, without the Spirit of God this love cannot exist. Ordinary love is so different from this that the New Testament uses a different word for it.

There is an ocean of difference between "love" that demands some kind of return, some reward, some dividend, and love that pours itself out without even asking for return. Such love is a rare sight, you say? To be sure it is; and that is why true Christian giving is so rare. This is not to say that a church should run each of its contributors through a third-degree examination—"What was your motive?"—before it will accept a cent. But every church ought to be working to educate its people out of being exchangers, investors, prestige-grabbers, quota-fillers, Lady Bountifuls, into the joy of giving from pure Christ-like love.

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Washington Notes

OFFICER SHORTAGE

The Army is facing a shortage of qualified young officers due to the high resignation rate, particularly among West Pointers, according to a top manpower official. Lieut. Gen. Donald P. Booth, the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, listed higher "material rewards" in civilian life as the main reason why junior officers and some higher brass are leaving the Army.

COSMETICS INDUSTRY

American women - with a big assist from the men - are expected to shell out some 1¼ billion dollars this year for cosmetics and toiletries. This total has doubled within the last ten years.

PROFITS UP

At the three-quarter mark of 1957, all but one of the twelve top money-makers of big business report that profits are running well ahead of the nine-month figures for 1956.

COLD WAR

The time for victory in the cold war is running out under pressure of Soviet success in weapon technology, says Industrialist David Sarnoff. He believes that it is only a matter of time—"within five years and possibly sooner"—that both Russia and the United States will have mass production of the transoceanic missiles, and then will come "dreadful parity."

G. O. P. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Republican National Committee will meet in Washington on December 6 "to obtain a frank appraisal of the status of the Republican party and its organization, it has been announced by Meade Alcorn, GOP chairman. These sessions will be closed to the press and the public.

HIGH 1958 INCOMES

An economic report of the Agriculture Department predicts high U. S. consumer incomes in 1958. As a consequence, it said, the domestic demand for farm porducts is expected to remain at or above the present levels. "The average disposable income per person in 1957, at around $1,760, was 16 per cent above the 1952 level," the report said.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Federal aid for school construction, turned down twice by Congress in the past two years, has been quietly ticketed for a House committee pigeonhole at the session of Congress. Politics, segregation issue and frustration with President Eisenhower's leadership in the school-aid battle were all contributing to the decision, it said.

EVERYTHING WRONG

Montreal, Canada — Gerard Quain, 44, lost control of his car at an intersection and, before oncoming cars, drove forward on a motorcycle, hit a parked balance, turned a corner and hit more cars. No charges were filed against him.

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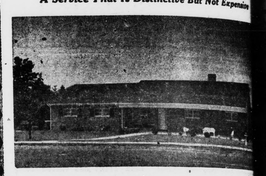

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...ed Mrs. E. T. Bruce and ...pent the week-end at Port ...a, with his mother, Mrs. ...ndes.

...Alberta C. Ferguson spent ...k-end with her daughter, ... Paulette. Those who ... at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ... Sunday were Mrs. O. C. ... and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland ...ed daughter, Barbara Kay, ... and Mrs. Harry T. Ferguson ... granddaughter, Wanda ...

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Vera, Nov. 18.- "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow turning." James 1:17.

I wish the hunters good luck, and I do hope no one gets shot. The weather is fine for hunting.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Willie Childers, and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Nash visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday.

The W. M. U. and the W. M. S., B. W. C., Y. W. A. and R. A. and Sunbeams held their meeting at New Hope Church on Monday night. It was family night at the church.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coleman on Tuesday night.

Mr. Leslie Coleman had a corn-shucking on Tuesday night.

The P.-T. A. meeting was held at Vera School on Thursday night, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday.

Drag a horse shoe magnet on a string around the room in which you have been sewing. It will pick up all the pins before you vacuum.

Va. spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mr. Ashby Paulette has returned home from the hospital, after an eye operation. He is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey and Mrs. Emogene Evans spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor and family, in West Va.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Crews, of Nathalie and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen and daughter, Laverne, of Emporia, Va, were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Staples were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crantz Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette and family Sunday P. M.

Mr. H. C. Staples, Jr., of Roanoke Business College spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Staples and family.

It Is Time To "Winterize" Your Driving, Says Col. Woodson

Richmond, Va.- "Winterize your driving," said Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, today as lower and lower temperatures were reported all through Virginia.

"Winter brings restricted vision; less traction and a greater strain on certain mechanical elements of automobiles," he said. "Not only is vision hampered by longer hours of darkness and early morning fog but often by ice forming in thin sheets on windshields, rear windows and other glass. Many drivers don't take the trouble to remove this properly but merely scrape a little hole and drive 'peering through a knothole with no rear or side vision."

Colonel Woodson, in pointing out the dangers of restricted vision, noted approximately two-thirds of our fatal crashes occur in hours of darkness although only about one-third of the total traffic volumes move then. "Any other interference with vision can be as fatal as that caused by darkness," he added.

He further warned against the increased dangers of skidding brought on by winter rain, sleet, ice or snow. "Drive slowly and carefully in bad weather so you won't skid, but if you do, don't panic. Leave the accelerator alone and don't brake your wheels into the direction of the skid," was his advice.

The safety officer noted finally that winter brings heavy demands on wipers, lights, horn, defrosters, heaters, exhaust systems and batteries, all of which can be in operation at once.

Summing up, he cited the following information:

1. Keep windshields clean and lights and windshield wipers in order. You can't stop in time, turn properly or steer if you can't see.

2. You can't stop on a dime—particularly an icy one. Bad weather speeds should be slower and brakes and tires in good condition. It's an excellent idea to carry chains for an emergency.

3. When bad weather strikes, stay off the road if possible. If not, make careful adjustments in your driving to compensate for adverse conditions.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Is lightning likely to approach nearer when you see it to the south, or in the southeast?

If you see lightning to the south or southeast, it is most likely to pass you by unharmed in most parts of the United States. In Florida or in some deep southern states — and even in other areas, occasionally—this rule will not hold true.

The dangerous lightning storms usually come from the west, or the northwest. If you spot lightning in this direction, it would be wise to plan on its arrival and take whatever precautions are wise. This is the prevailing direction of weather and lightnings storms follow.

The lightning that strikes you, by the way, will never be seen, so if you see a lightning bolt, or flash, the time for fear has already passed and you can relax. There is no need to think of the next one — you won't see it, either, if it hits you.

Must Be

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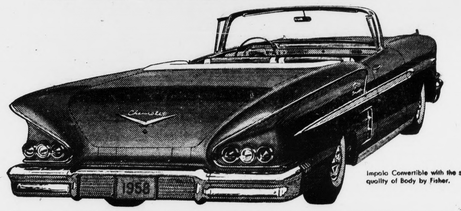
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